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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Silva ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/07
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 390
SHORT TITLE Gaming Machine Technician Approval SB _____
ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Gaming Control Board (GCB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This House Bill 390 would remove the requirement that technicians who service and perform repairs on gaming devices be certified as a technician by a Gaming Control Board licensed manufacturer of gaming devices.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

LFC staff note that an independent body regulating those who repair gaming devices provides greater accountability to the public. A regulatory entity adds integrity to the gaming industry.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This bill would require the Gaming Control Board to develop and implement an approval process for gaming device technicians.

ALTERNATIVES

The Gaming Control Board suggests not removing the requirement that technicians who service and perform repairs on gaming devices be certified by a licensed manufacturer of gaming devices.

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